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VALLEY DENTIST PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX OFFENSES

PHOENIX – Dr. Ronald McInnes, 47, of Phoenix, pleaded guilty to an Information, charging him with one count of Subscribing to a False Tax Return.

McInnes agreed with the facts stated in the Information that around March 17, 2000 he signed his name to a 1999 Form 1040 tax return which contained false information on the Schedule C. McInnes admitted that he had reported his gross receipts or sales from his dental practice, McInnes Family Dentistry, as \$ 613,525.00, when he knew the true gross receipts were in fact \$ 873,332.00. McInnes admitted he had filed this false return with the Internal Revenue Service, reducing his tax liability from approximately \$ 144,000 to about \$ 51,000.

McInnes also agreed to make restitution to the United States Treasury in the amount of \$ 458,637.92. This sum represents interest and fraud penalties and a tax loss in 1999 of \$ 134,942 and \$ 234,574 in the year 2000.

A conviction for Subscribing to a False Tax Return carries a maximum penalty of three years, a \$100,000 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge James A. Teilborg will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Michelle Hamilton-Burns, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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